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45th District #2 Integrating Committee Meeting Minutes
January 15, 1993 - 8:00 a.m.

Board of County Commissioners' Staff Meeting Room
Room 603, County Administration Building
Cincinnati, OH 45202

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brayshaw at 8:15 a.m.. All members were present.

Support Staff present: Messrs. Sigward, Bass, Cline, Cottrill, Pickering, Schlamm and Riddiough.

OPWC Director W. Laurence Bicking and Program Representative Rob White were also present.

Mr. Crafts moved approval of the November 20, 1992 and the Supplemental 44th District 2 Integrating Committee meeting of December 1, 1992 minutes; seconded by Mrs. Berger and passed unanimously.

Chairman Brayshaw gave recognition to Tom Young who is retiring as the City Engineer of Cincinnati at the end of January, 1993. George Hartman who is Cincinnati's Principal Structural Engineer, and also attended this meeting, is going to be Acting City Engineer.

Mr. Rowe also announced that he was retiring effective April 1, 1993.

Support Staff Items:

Applications for 33 additional projects (three of which were ineligible for OPWC funding) were received by the Support Staff for consideration in Round Seven Issue 2 and LTIP. The 30 eligible projects were then rated by the Support Staff using the same rating criteria as was used for Round Six. The appeal solicitation has already been sent to all agencies who applied for funding; those appeals will be considered later this month.

A preliminary ranking of the new Round Seven projects and the Round Six projects currently on file was distributed to the Committee. This list will be revised to reflect any successful appeals; final results with the proposed cut line will be sent to each Committee member prior to the February meeting, when Round Seven projects will be recommended for adoption.

Mr. Cline presented a letter from the City of Cincinnati asking that the Waits Avenue Improvement be considered by the Support Staff as a single project with a 100% loan for the sewer components and a 90% grant for the roadway components. (The Support Staff had considered this to be a road improvement projects and a storm sewer project.) Following discussion about the merits of Cincinnati's request, Mr. Crafts moved to direct the Support Staff to consider the Waits Avenue Improvement as a single project for rating purposes; seconded by Mr. Rowe and passed unanimously.

Mr. Cline presented a letter from the City of Cincinnati asking that the Seymour Avenue Widening Project be funded from Issue 2 funds and not from LTIP, due to the anticipation that Round Seven LTIP funds have already been exhausted and that it is critical from a maintenance of traffic standpoint that the Seymour project is initiated in 1993. Following discussion, Mr. Crafts moved that the Seymour Avenue project be considered for Issue 2 funding if the City of Cincinnati agrees to pay the entire cost of the betterment portion of the project, in addition to its previously committed local share; seconded by Mr. Rowe and passed unanimously.

Joe Cottrill prepared a new District 2 Administrative Costs Work Plan which has to be submitted annually to OPWC in order to get reimbursed through the Administrative Costs Program. Mr. Rowe moved to accept the District 2 Administrative Costs Work Plan; seconded by Mr. Crafts and approved unanimously.

Mr. Cecil Osborn, Administrator for the City of Springdale, explained to the Integrating Committee why additional funds were being requested for the S.R. 4 Improvement/I-275 to Crescentville Road project (a worthwhile project in a very high traffic corridor which is being done in conjunction with Butler County). At the suggestion of Mr. Brayshaw, the City of Springdale is utilizing \$44,000 Municipal Road Funds set aside three years ago for another project to help defray the \$70,818.00 deficit, due to two unexpected expenses that have developed on this project, but are still lacking \$26,818.00. Mr. Castellini moved that District 2 grant the additional \$26,818.00 LTIP funding for the necessary change; seconded by Mr. Sykes and passed unanimously. Mr. Rob White stated that he would accept the approved minutes as his authorization to amend Springdale's Project Agreement so as to reflect the revised funding.

Mr. Castellini so moved, seconded by Mr. Sykes and was passed unanimously by the Committee that the City of Harrison's request, in their letter dated December 30, 1992, to change the terms of their loans from 15 to 20 years at 3% interest be granted. Mr. Bicking cautioned the Committee about granting such requests for changes in loan rates or terms since such changes have the potential of adversely affecting the cash flow that services the debt under the State's Revolving Loan Program, which receives funds from Issue 2 loan reimbursements. Chairman Brayshaw suggested that Harrison be informed of the Committee's approval of their loan request, but that the request may not be granted by OPWC if Mr. Bicking's concerns are warranted.

Mr. Cottrill presented a December 14, 1992 letter from the City of Sharonville requesting Issue 2 credit enhancement funding to assist pay back of a \$1.1 million loan obtained for their local share of the Mosteller Road Improvement Project. This request is for 10% of the loan principal, or \$110,000. The Support Staff did not feel they had to re-rate this as it was a very high scoring project when Issue 2 funding was originally granted, in addition to the fact that there is a large balance in our credit enhancement account. Mr. Young moved to approve the grant in the amount of \$110,000 to the City of Sharonville; seconded by Mr. Barfels and passed unanimously.

A January 13, 1993 letter from Delhi Township was presented to the Committee which requested that the Covedale West Subdivision Reconstruction Project be moved from Round Six to Round Seven funding since the District had been over allocated in Round Six. Mr. Castellini moved to fund this project out of our Round Seven Issue 2 allocation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sykes. (The Hamilton County Engineer's Office also requested that their Stewart Road project be moved to and funded from Round Seven Issue 2 since the project had been voluntarily withdrawn from Round Six to allow other projects within the same point range to be fully funded.) Mr. Bicking stated that the Delhi project could be "pre-approved" for Round Seven Issue 2 funding, if so decided by the Committee. Mr. Crafts moved the pending question, and Mr. Castellini's original motion on the Delhi project was approved unanimously.

Mr. Bicking explained in detail why the problem with over allocation in Round Six occurred. Mr. Cottrill suggested that the cut line for Round Seven be established 100% of the District's allocation, with a secondary group selected below the cut line at 115% of the District's allocation. The secondary projects would be funded as money became available during Round Seven; jurisdictions having projects within the secondary grouping would be notified of their project's status. Mr. Cline stated that the secondary projects should actually be approved by the Committee so that the Support Staff can administratively forward funding applications to OPWC for the issuance of Project Agreements without having to convene the Integrating Committee. Chairman Brayshaw suggested that jurisdictions having secondary projects be advised to begin engineering so that the project will be able to proceed when funding becomes available. These projects could be given additional priority points so as to have a better chance that they would be funded in the next round if monies did not become available in the current round. The Committee agreed a primary and secondary cut line was needed, but decided to postpone further discussion until the next meeting.

In answer to Mr. Castellini's question "Is there any way to grant two-tier projects to some of the smaller communities?", Mr. Bicking replied "yes" and OPWC would encourage it as they would like to see engineering funded in one round and construction funded in a subsequent round.

Mr. Bicking indicated that the rules for utilizing credit enhancement funds have been liberalized to the point where these funds can actually be awarded as grants if the jurisdiction can show its financial condition is such that it limits its ability to borrow funds. He suggested that the District try to encourage some of the qualifying jurisdictions to apply for this funding in the next round.

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Small Governments Sub-Committee Report:

No report from Mr. Crafts. Mr. Sykes reported that the state Small Governments Commission staff is considering some changes in the way they rate projects, including the way that a jurisdiction's economic health is measured.

Mr. Sykes suggested that the members of the Public Works Commission who live in the Greater Cincinnati area be invited to our monthly Committee meetings. Secretary to notify.

Old Business:

In response to an inquiry from Mr. Crafts, Mr. Cottrill announced that the City of Wyoming had decided to accept the Issue 2 loan with a 3% interest rate for water works improvements.

Mrs. Berger requested that, as each round is concluded, the Committee be provided with an update. She would like a running tabulation of what projects and the dollar amounts each jurisdiction has received since the inception of this program.

Mr. Young commented that the tabulations of disbursements and schedules of all projects that were sent out last fall were very helpful in resolving some issues and discrepancies. Mr. Bicking said OPWC should be in a position to give a great deal of information very quickly in the near future.

New Business:

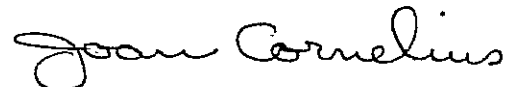
Mr. Cottrill reported that the Support Staff has been working on revising the Economic Health evaluation to reflect changes measured by the latest census.

Next Meeting - February 19, 1993.

Mayor Ragase moved Committee adjourn; seconded by Mr. Castellini and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Joan Cornelius
Recording Secretary

cc: Support Staff
OPWC

Revised 2-12-93 with Mr. Crafts' corrections.

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ATTENDANCE LIST

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>	<u>PHONE NO.</u>
Joe Sykes	Miami Twp.	941-3393
Wayne Barfk	City of Loveland	683-0150
Tom Young	City of Cin	352-3401
George Rove	City of Cincinnati	352-3291
George Hartman	City of Cincinnati	352-3428
William Brayshaw	Hamm Co	632-8630
DAVE CRAFTS		651-9388
Wilma Berger	Symmes Twp.	891-7836
Joe Ragone	Forest Park	851-5091
Robert A. Castelle	City of Cincinnati	352-2457